GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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LONG WAITING LIST FOR TREATMENT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether patients in the Government hospitals of the country, particularly of the capital, like the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and other such hospitals have to wait for too long to get various medical tests conducted; and

(b) if so, the effective measures being taken by the Government to reduce the time taken in getting these medical tests conducted?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. In All India Institute of Medical Sciences, all medical tests of indoor patients and patients needing emergency care are conducted without avoidable delay. Routine investigations of OPD patients are conducted every day. However, the OPD patients requiring specialized test have to wait for these tests for some time. In other Central Government hospitals also all the urgent investigations are done immediately. Strengthening of laboratory services in AIIMS and other Central Government hospitals is a continuous process within the resources available.